

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS AND WASTE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Entry of the following amendments in advance of a first Office Action on the merits respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/043,056, filed January 8, 2002.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-15 and 17-40.